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## News Release

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# Mitchell, Hawkins Win Region 5 Gymnastics Championships

(Grand Rapids) – Nine athletes representing Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics were among 1,354 competitors who had qualified for the Region 5 Level 6 - 8 gymnastics championships held in Grand Rapids this weekend. Each of the gymnasts had qualified based on scores achieved at the Michigan State Championships last month, and competed against other top gymnasts from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

Though the local gymnasts made up less than 1% of the field, they combined to win six top-three medals. Zahra Mitchell and Sklyar Hawkins defied all odds by coming away with regional vault championships in their respective Level 6 age divisions. Mitchell also finished on the podium with a bronze medal floor routine, and her team-high 37.100 all-around score landed her just outside the medal count in fourth place. Hawkins finished 6<sup>th</sup> all-around with a 36.500 final tally.

Olivia Crane added a silver medal for her Level 7 vault, while Zoe Butler and Izzy Brooks collected bronze medals on vault and bars, respectively. Butler also finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place all-around.

Also competing at Level 6 for the local team were Tabitha Pritchard (5<sup>th</sup> place vault) and Maeve Carlson (10<sup>th</sup> place beam). At Level 7, Wessyn Clossen placed 5<sup>th</sup> on vault, while McKenna Gelinas finished 9<sup>th</sup> on bars.

Grand Traverse Bay gymnasts wind up their post-season championships with the Level 3 – 5 State Meet April 28 – 30.

For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, now located in the Grand Traverse Mall, go to [www.gtbaygymnastics.com](http://www.gtbaygymnastics.com), or contact Betsy Van Deirse at 929-2869.

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**Zahra Mitchell**  
**Region 5 Level 6 Vault Champion**



**Skylar Hawkins**  
**Region 5 Level 6 Vault Champion**



**Olivia Crane**  
**Region 5 Level 6 Vault Silver Medalist**



**Izzy Brooks**  
**Region 5 Level 7 Bars Bronze Medalist**



**Zoe Butler**  
**Region 5 Level 6 Vault Bronze Medalist**

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